

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-4, 6-20 and 22-25 remain pending, claims 1, 10, 16 and 17 having been amended.

Drawing Objections

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as being informal. Applicants are filing replacement formal drawings with this response. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1-4,6-20 and 22-25

On page 3 of the non-Final Office Action of September 6, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-20 and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,516,202 to Hawkins et al. (“Hawkins”) in view of Nokia 6160 Owner’s Manual (“Nokia”). Applicants submit that the amended claims obviate the rejection.

Amended independent claim 1 is directed to a method of managing phone calls initiated from a computing device. The method includes, among other things, replacing a mute button with a speak button in response to selecting the mute button during a phone call.

Applicants submit that neither Hawkins nor Nokia disclose or suggest, either separately or in combination, replacing a mute button with a speak button in response to selecting the mute button during a phone call, as required by amended claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over Hawkins in view of Nokia and respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 and dependent claims 2-4 and 6-9 be withdrawn.

Amended independent claims 10 and 17 are similar to claim 1 and are patentable over Hawkins in view of Nokia for at least similar reasons to those provided with respect to claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 10, dependent claims 11-16, claim 17, dependent claims 18-20 and 22-25 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections and objections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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